COLLABORATOR SERIES

A Collaborative Approach to Improving Patient Care in Northeastern Ontario: Screening for Distress in Oncology

Wednesday, February 15, 2012

12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. EST

NOSM East Campus HSERC Room 242 / NOSM West Campus BSC Room 1013

This is a face-to-face, OTN videoconference, and live webcast event.

Program Description

The 2011 Interprofessional (IP) Learning – Collaborator Series provides a forum for discussion between academic and clinical faculty, health professionals, and learners to stimulate inquiry and dialogue related to IP clinical and curricular issues. Collectively, the sessions in this series present content related to IP learning and practice in the context of clinical applications. This session will focus on a two-year quality improvement project entitled "Expanding Screening for Distress in Northeastern Ontario." The presentation will illustrate the collaborative strategies that have changed clinical practice in 14 Community Oncology Clinic Network (COCN) sites in Northeastern Ontario. This project is in partnership with the Canadian Partnership Against Cancer – Cancer Journey Action Group, the Supportive Care Oncology Network – NE Region – Health Sciences North/Horizon Santé-Nord and the Community Oncology Clinic Network in Northeastern Ontario.

Objectives

By the end of the program, participants will be able to:

1. Discuss the importance of screening cancer patients for distress as the 6th vital sign in improving patient-centered care;
2. Identify the collaborative roles of the chemotherapy nurses, COCN managers and project coordinator in implementing clinical process change; and,
3. Describe the processes used to implement and sustain changes in clinical practice.

Presenters

Sheila Damore-Petingola, MSW, RSW is the Coordinator of the Supportive Care Oncology Network in Northeastern Ontario, Supportive Care Program, Health Sciences North/Horizon Santé-Nord. In addition to ensuring access to supportive care services for cancer patients and families, her areas of interest in oncology include interprofessional collaboration and education, care for the health care provider, psychosocial intervention with children and young adults, the development and facilitation of professionally led support groups, the application of expressive arts in practice and patient education. Sheila is a member of the Canadian Association of Psychosocial Oncology and past board member for this organization. She currently has a faculty appointment with the Northern Ontario School of Medicine.

Registration

By Email: cepdregistrations@nosm.ca
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Deadline to register:
Monday, February 13, 2012

This program meets the accreditation criteria of The College of Family Physicians of Canada and has been accredited for up to 1 Mainpro-M1 credit(s) as approved by the Continuing Education and Professional Development Office at the Northern Ontario School of Medicine.

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